



**Massachusetts Bay
Transportation Authority**

MBTA Transit Safety Plan

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Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Applicability

Applies to:

- Transit agencies that have an Agency Safety Plan under the PTASP Regulation (49 CFR 673)
- Initially outlined in FTA Dear Colleague Letter on February 17



New Requirements

Exposure to Infectious Diseases:

- Certify that the transit agency has established a safety plan that includes
 - strategies to minimize the exposure of the public, personnel, and property to hazards and unsafe conditions, and
 - Is consistent with guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or a State health authority to minimize exposure to infectious diseases



New Requirements

Safety Committee

- Establish a Safety Committee by **July 31, 2022**, that must:
 - Be convened by a joint labor-management process; and
 - Consist of an equal number of frontline employee representatives and management representatives
- The committee, will be responsible for:
 - Identifying mitigations or strategies that may be ineffective, inappropriate, or were not implemented as intended
 - Identifying safety deficiencies for purposes of continuous improvement
 - Approving the agency safety plan and any updates to the agency safety plan by **December 31, 2022**, as well as future revisions and updates to the plan
 - Committee unanimously approved plan on November 22, 2022



Revisions to 2022 Transit Safety Plan

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Requirements
 - Document role of joint labor-management safety committee
 - Revise Transit Safety Plan review and approval process
 - Document MBTA conformance to public health authority guidelines
- Safety Performance Targets
 - Updated targets for KPIs required under National Public Transportation Safety Plan and National Transportation Database criteria
 - Fatalities, Injuries, Safety Events, System Reliability

Revisions to 2022 Transit Safety Plan

- Corrective Action Plan Requirements
 - Clarified requirements for risk acceptance by parties within MBTA management structure
 - Additional detail on safety assurance processes and action steps



Revisions to 2022 Transit Safety Plan

- FTA SMI Corrective Action Plan / Interim Action Plan Requirements
 - Revisions to Policy Statement and SMS Implementation, Safety Risk Management, and Safety Assurance sections to reflect FTA-identified priorities, new anticipated action steps for SMS implementation, and current state of SMS implementation
 - Expanded language regarding performance, facilitation, and documentation of safety committee meetings, including Local Safety Committees
 - Clarifications on promotional activities for Local Safety Committee meeting participation

Future Transit Safety Plan Updates

- Revisions to the Transit Safety Plan are anticipated as a result of future work performed under FTA SMI CAPs
- MBTA has proposed five updates to the Plan through 2024 as part of CAP submittals to FTA
 - 2023: May, September, December
 - 2024: July, September
- Additional updates may be scheduled if need is identified
- Increased frequency allows for clear, documented safety compliance baseline as program requirements evolve